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SUBJECT: U.S. FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

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THE FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S WERE PROVIDED FOR THE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S USE JUNE 18:

QUESTION: COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN
BANGKOK JUNE 18 THAT MORE U.S. FORCES ARE BEING WITHDRAWN
FROM THAILAND?

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN
BANGKOK ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF A REDUCTION OF 7,500
AUTHORIZED MANPOWER SPACES WHICH THE U.S. AND THAI GOVERN-
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MENTS HAD AGREED TO A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO. THIS REDUCTION

IS TO BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT JUNE 30 AND SOME OF THE DETAILS
OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCES TO BE REDEPLOYED WERE
PROVIDED EARLIER. AS FAR AS THE ADDITIONAL DETAILS
ANNOUNCED IN BANGKOK TODAY ARE CONCERNED, I REFER YOU TO
DOD.

QUESTION: HOW MANY TROOPS WILL WE HAVE IN THAILAND WHEN
THE CURRENT REDUCTION IS COMPLETED?

ANSWER: THERE WILL BE ABOUT 19,500 AUTHORIZED SPACES.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT TODAY'S
NOON BRIEFING IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND DOD DID NOT HAVE A
PRESS BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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